

**Draft Summary of the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group Meeting  
Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)  
February 23, 2004**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a meeting for the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group (LUWG) on February 23, 2004 via teleconference.

A summary of the discussion, decisions made, and action items is provided below. This summary is not intended to be a transcript, analysis of the meeting, or to indicate agreement or disagreement with any of the items summarized, except where expressly stated. The intent is to present a summary for interested parties who could not attend the meeting. The following are attachments to this summary:

Attachment 1	Meeting Agenda
Attachment 2	Meeting Attendees

### **Introduction**

Attendees were welcomed to the LUWG meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations. The LUWG reviewed the desired outcomes of the meeting. The meeting agenda and list of meeting attendees are appended to this summary as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

### **Action Items – January 26, 2004 Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group Meeting**

A summary of the January 26, 2004 LUWG meeting is posted on the relicensing web site. The Facilitator reviewed the status of action items from that meeting as follows:

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| <b>Action Item #LU96:</b> | Distribute the draft interim report for SP-L2 (Land Management) in advance of the February Work Group meeting.   |
| Status:                   | The draft interim report for SP-L2 (Land Management) was distributed in advance of the February Work Group meeting; however, not all of the meeting participants had received a copy of the report prior to the LUWG meeting. The LUWG discussed SP-L2 during the study implementation update agenda item (see below). |
| <b>Action Item #LU97:</b> | Move resource action LWG-29 to the “transfer” list and note it at the bottom of the next LUWG agenda.  |
| Status:                   | LWG-29 has been placed on the resource action “transfer” list; however, it was not noted on the LUWG agenda.   |
| <b>Action Item #LU93:</b> | Re-write LWG-20 to separate into distinct resource action proposals. (Carry-over action item)  |
| Status:                   | Representatives from Butte County reported that this action has not been completed. It is anticipated that it will be completed within the next week or so, but it will need to be reviewed by the County’s relicensing team prior to submittal to the LUWG.   |

### **Study Implementation Update**

The Consultant Team provided an update on all five Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics studies to the LUWG and target dates for completion of final reports.

#### **SP-L1 (Land Use)**

The draft interim report for SP-L1 was distributed to the LUWG at the December 2003 meeting and discussed at the January 2004 meeting. Revisions were made to the study report based on the LUWG discussion and hard-copy mark-ups that were provided to the Consultant Team. Although

not discussed specifically at the February meeting, responses to major issues/topics raised include clarification on ownership associated with State Highways 162 and 70 in the Project area. Butte County holds both fee-title and easement right to road right-of-ways in the project area; both State Highway 70 and 162 are held in fee. However, because ownership information on the entire road network would be difficult to obtain, all roadways remain classified as "Other" on the land ownership maps. The report text and associated mapping was also revised to distinguish local districts as public rather than private landowners. The Feather River Recreation and Parks District was called out separately from the larger "Local District" category. In total, there are approximately 175 acres of local district ownership in the Study Area. An "approval status" column was added to Table 5.5-1, which depicts projects "on record" with local planning departments as of August/September 2003. City of Oroville projects have three status options: (1) application being processed; (2) approved but not under construction; and (3) approved and under construction. All of the Butte County projects were noted as having applications pending with the planning department. The land use map was revised to reflect the reclassification of the area serving the model airplane club and shooting range as "Recreation"; this area is not managed by DFG, and thus, should not be classified as "Conservation". In addition, the land use map was revised to show the gravel mining operations in the OWA as "Resource Extraction"; these areas totaling roughly 150 acres are leased by DWR to private entities. The final report has also been expanded with an analytical section (Section 6.0) that includes an opportunities and constraints analysis. The final report for SP-L1 is anticipated to be available for distribution to the LUWG in advance of the April 2004 meeting.

### ***SP-L2 (Land Management)***

The draft interim report for SP-L2 was distributed to the LUWG in advance of the February meeting; however, not all of the participants had received and reviewed it prior to the meeting. The study report builds on the land management maps that been developed and presented to the LUWG at previous meetings. It also includes information from the SP-L3 report; specifically information regarding applicable land use plans. The following questions were raised during the meeting:

- Page 1-8: Is there a definitive statement regarding rice water temperature goals? It was noted that this text is boilerplate information provided by DWR.
- Page 5-41: Does the Butte County General Plan govern incorporated cities within the County? The text will be clarified to note that the County does not have jurisdiction over local city planning. However, the Butte County General Plan should be consistent with local planning documents. If, for a particular issue there are no provisions in the local plan, then the County policy is typically applied.
- Page 5-38: Should the firing range be included? Andy Atkinson (DFG) stated that the regulation code was quoted correctly.
- Figure 5.5-1: The Clay Pit SVRA is owned by DPR and should not be shown as part of the OWA. This comment was noted and the map(s) will be edited as appropriate.

The LUWG was asked to review the report and provide comments to the Consultant Team for inclusion in the final report.

### ***SP-L3 (Comprehensive Plan Consistency)***

The draft interim report for SP-L3 has been reviewed by the LUWG and is considered complete. While new plans would be added to the report as appropriate, no plans have been added for the last several months. Several plans were forwarded by Terry Mills (DWR) to be considered for inclusion in SP-L3 but they were not applicable to the relicensing effort.

**SP-L4 (Aesthetics)**

It is anticipated that the draft interim report for SP-L4 will be submitted to DWR for review in March 2004 and subsequently distributed to the LUWG for review in April 2004.

**SP-L5 (Fuel Load Management)**

The interim report for SP-L5 is complete and has been reviewed by the LUWG. The final version of the report will include edits based on comments provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). The final report will be distributed at the April LUWG meeting.

**Other**

Jim Martin (DWR) informed the LUWG that a new DWR Land and Right-of-Way agent has been assigned to the Oroville area.

**Next Meeting and Next Steps**

The next LUWG meeting will be held on the following date/time:

Date: Monday, March 22, 2004  
Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Location: The Depot, Oroville

**Action Items**

The following list of action items identified by the LUWG includes a description of the action, the participant responsible for the action, and item status.

**Action Item #LU98:** Distribute the final SP-L1 report to the LUWG in advance of the April 2004 LUWG meeting.  
**Responsible:** DWR / Consultant Team  
**Due Date:** April 15, 2004

**Action Item #LU99:** Send a copy of the interim draft report for SP-L1 report to Michael Pierce (Butte County).  
**Responsible:** DWR / Consultant Team  
**Due Date:** March 22, 2004

**Carry-over Action Item**

**Action Item #LU93:** Re-write LWG-20 to separate into distinct resource action proposals. (Carry-over action item)  
**Responsible:** Butte County  
**Due Date:** March 22, 2004